

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary Village, Kesamudram Mandal, Warangal District – Trapped on 18-9-2008 – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 961

Dt.11-09-2009

ORDER

Whereas, Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy worked as Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary village, Kesamudram Mandal, Warangal District from 8.2.2007 to 18.9.2008 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act 49 of 1988);

2. And Whereas, Sri Ambati Nagamallu S/o Komuraiah, age:38 years, Occupation: Agriculture is a native and resident of H.No.2-9-4, B.C. Colony, Ammenapuram village, Kesamudram Mandal of Warangal District;

3. And whereas, it is alleged that on 17-9-2008, Sri Ambati Nagamallu came to the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, Warangal and preferred a complaint stating that he is resident of B.C.Colony, Ammenapuram village and that himself and his brother by name Ambati Bixapathi and his brother-in-law Sri Nookala Somaiah S/o Lingaiah are in possession of agricultural land of 3 acres, one acre and 3 acres respectively in Survey No.235/1 at Dhannasary village, Kesamudram mandal. He further stated that all of them are in actual possession of the said lands for the past 12 years and they are living by cultivating them and that the copies of Pahani for the said lands are in mandal office of Kesamudram mandal. He further stated that himself and his brother and brother-in-law have availed bank loan about 12 years ago by submitting the copies of the Pahani and the Government had waived the same. That when he along with his brother and brother-in-law again approached the Bank for agricultural loan, the officials of the Bank informed that the new copies of Pahani have to be submitted by them. For obtaining the same, he along with his brother and brother-in-law approached the Mandal Revenue Officer, Kesamudram on 8.4.2008, submitted their application in the office for issuing of Pahani copies separately in respect of their agriculture land situated in the Sy.No.235/1 and their application was endorsed to Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary Village for Pahani copies. When Sri A.Nagamallu approached Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, he demanded an amount of Rs.18,000/- as bribe to enter their names in Pahani and issue the copies of Pahani for their 7 acres Agriculture land. Sri A.Nagamallu requested Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer by expressing his inability, but he did not consider his request and informed him that unless the demanded money is paid, the Pahani would not be written. When Sri A.Nagamallu informed the demanding of amount by the Village Revenue Officer in issuing

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the copies of Pahani to his brother and brother-in-law, they asked him to do anything for the copies of Pahani. Again when Sri A.Nagamallu met Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer and expressed his inability and requested for the copies of Pahani, he reiterated his earlier demand and further informed that as and when the demanded amount of Rs.18,000/- given, then only the Pahani would be prepared and issued. On 10-9-2008 he approached Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer again and paid an amount of Rs.7,000/- and requested for the copies of Pahani, but the Village Revenue Officer demanded for remaining amount of Rs.11,000/- for giving the copies of Pahani. Sri A.Nagamallu further stated that when he met Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer on 15.9.2008 and requested for the copies of Pahani by expressing his inability in gathering the remaining demanded amount, Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer annoyed and asked him to pay the remaining demanded amount of Rs.11,000/- and take away the Pahani copies. As he was not willing to pay any bribe amount to Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary village, Kesamudram Mandal and he preferred a complaint with the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti - Corruption Bureau, Warangal and requested to take necessary legal action against him;

4. And whereas, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Warangal after verifying the antecedents of Sri A.Nagamallu and the said Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary village and about the genuineness of the complaint and after following the due procedure registered the said complaint as a case in crime No.12/ACB-WRL/2008 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 18-9-2008 at 06.00 hours and took up investigation and made necessary arrangements for laying a trap;

5. And whereas, on 18-9-2008 when Sri Ambati Nagamallu approached Sri R.Amarendar Reddy at 10-00 A.M at his house, Sri R.Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer enquired whether the demanded amount of Rs.11,000/- was brought or not and when the complainant replied in affirmative, he demanded and accepted the amount with his right hand, counted with both his hands and kept the same in his pant(short) pocket and informed that the names of Sri Ambati Nagamallu and his brother and brother-in-law would be entered in the Pahanai and the copies of Pahani would be handed over within two days. The phenolphthalein powder test conducted on the both his hand fingers and the inner linings of his right side pant pocket yielded positive result. Accepted amount of Rs.11,000/- was produced by Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer and it was seized;

6. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary Village, Kesamudram Mandal, Warangal District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) readwith section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer of Dhannasary Village, Kesamudram Mandal, Warangal District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e F.I.R., pre trap and

post-trap proceedings placed before them in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary Village, Kesamudram Mandal, Warangal District should be prosecuted in court of law for the aforesaid offences;

8. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause(b) sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Sri Ravula Amarendar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Dhannasary Village, Kesamudram Mandal, Warangal District for the said offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) readwith clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the afore said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER